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DEAR GEORGE,

THIS EPISTLE MIGHT BRING YOU  
PARTLY UP-TO-DATE AFTER WHAT MIGHT BE  
CALLED THE LAST GREAT UPHEAVAL IN MY ROCKLOSS  
LIFE.

I EXPOUT MATTHEW MENTIONED MY  
MUSIC TEACHER WHO WAS IN THE WATER WITH  
ME LAST TIME HE VISITED WHITTON. DAWN  
BEAUMONT, WHOM I MET LAST YEAR IS A PRODUCT  
OF THE SYDNEY CONSERVATORUM AND TEACHES PIANO,  
ORGAN AND SINGING— AN ACCOMPLISHED MEZZO-SOPRANO;  
WE ARE IN GREAT DEMAND HERE AS DUETISTS (NOT  
YET DUELISTS!) I HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL ACCORDS  
IN REGARD TO WEDDINGS THAT HAVE INCLUDED ME IN  
THE CEREMONIES. WE, PRIVATELY, HAVE A WONDERFUL  
RELATIONSHIP AND THERE IS DEFINITELY A ROMANCE GOING.  
IT'S WELL KNOWN OF COURSE AND CONSEQUENTLY THE  
DUET BOOKINGS ARE QUITE FREQUENT. DAWN, ORIGINALLY  
FROM SYDNEY, WAS A POLIO VICTIM AT AGE 3. WEARING A  
FULL LENGTH CALIPER ON THE RIGHT LEG, THE LEFT IS  
ALSO VERY "WOBBLY." DRIVES AN AUTOMATIC CAR USING  
THE LEFT FOOT IS QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT.

THAT BRINGS ME TO THE NEXT  
CHAPTER OF MY REPORT. AM NOW PUBLICITY OFFICER  
FOR GRIFFITH DISABLED PERSONS. THIS INVOLVES, WRITING  
LETTERS, NEWS ARTICLES, REPORTS AND HAVE ALSO APPEARED  
ON T.V. LOCALLY IN REGARD TO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE GROUP.

I HAD TO VACATE THE OLD FARM HOUSE  
AT WHITTON AS THE PROPERTY WAS SOLD TO A FAMILY  
OF VEGETABLE GROWERS WHO NEEDED BOTH COTTAGES FOR  
THEMSELVES AND EMPLOYEES. I NOW HAVE A  
BEAUT FLAT COMPLETE WITH WORKSHOP FOR ENGRAVING

AND STORAGE OF MOST OF MY FURNITURE. If my ROMANCE PROGRESS TILDS MIGHT BE ANOTHER SHORT MOVIE AGAIN.

YOUR NEPHEW CHRIS AND HIS MISSUS, TINA, HAVE SOLD THEIR HOUSE AT COAL POINT AND TAKEN THEIR DAUGHTER AMY TO ANOTHER HOUSE, BIGGER, ABOUT 1 KILOMETRE AWAY, TO KILARON BAY. THEY NEED A BIGGER HOUSE NOW AS TILDS'LL BE A BROTHER OR SISTER FOR AMY, HOUSE IN MARCH.

MARCH OF COURSE IS MUM'S BIRTHDAY MONTH. SHE IS QUITE WELL, BUT HAS HER UPS AND DOWNS HEALTHWISE. I GUESS 83 YEARS TAKES ITS TOLL. SHE IS QUITE CONTENT AT THE VILLA AS WELL SHE MIGHT BE. IT COST ME THE EARTH TO FINALLY GET HER SETTLED. I'M NEARLY BROKE AS A RESULT AND BEING SEMI-RETIRED WITH NO CURRENT INCOME SAVE FROM A BIT OF ENGRAVING, LIFE'S NOT REAL EASY. I'LL DO ONE MORE SEASON AT THE WHITTON POOL, THEN OCT. 84 I'LL GO OUT ON THE SERVICE PENSION. AT LEAST I'LL HAVE A LITTLE MONEY THEN. I CAN'T HOLD MUM ANYMORE, THOUGH HER PENSION IS ABOUT ALL SHE NEEDS — BUT HER DEMANDS ARE A BIT OF A DRAH. AS YOU KNOW SHE LIKES EXPENSIVE GEAR. JUST BOUGHT HER TWO NEW PAIRS OF FOOTWEAR SHOES \$82 EACH PAIR, A NEW WOOLLY SKIRT AND DRESS — TOTAL \$148. I NEED ABOUT \$6000 TO PUT ME BACK TO NORMAL PRE-COBBY TIMES.

BACK TO DAWN AGAIN ON A DIFFERENT TALK. SHE HAS 3 DAUGHTERS — ONE A NURSING AID HERE IN GRIFFITH WITH AN OLDER ONE AND A YOUNGER ONE IN SYDNEY. THE YOUNGEST IS A TRAINEE NURSE AT CANTERBURY. THE OLDEST, NARELLE, GRADUATED AS B.Sc. THIS YEAR MAJORING IN COMPUTER SCIENCE. SHE IS EMPLOYED BY SYDNEY COUNCIL. SOME YEARS AGO SHE WENT TO THE U.S.A. AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT. NEXT YEAR SHE IS TO BE MARRIED AND WITH THE

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FUTURE SPOUSE WANTS TO GO TO AMERICA TO POSSIBLY WORK TO GAIN MORE EXPERIENCE IN HER FIELD. I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE'LL GO RE A WORK PERMIT SO THOUGHT I'D ASK YOU WHAT HER CHANCES WOULD BE WITH I.B.M. OR SIMILAR.... AND IS THERE ANYWAY YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST, AND WOULD THERE BE ANY POINT IN HER SEEKING AN INTERVIEW WITH YOU.

THE MACHINERY THAT M.I.A.R.P. INDUSTRIES PURCHASED FOLLOWING MY RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY CONTACT YOU RE PRICES OR SOMETHING, IS QUITE INTERESTING. IT SEEMS THERE ARE 3 SEPARATE GADGETS WHICH I MUST TAKE TIME TO EXAMINE CLOSELY. ONE, (I THINK) PRODUCES A MASTER, ONE FUSES IT (I THINK) AND THE OTHER DOES THE COPYING (I THINK). YOU'D PROBABLY KNOW MORE ABOUT IT. M.I.A.R.P. (MURROBIDGE, IRRIGATION, AREA, RETARDED, PERSONS WORKSHOP) HAVE ABOUT 40 YOUNG PEOPLE EMPLOYED AND THESE ARE MEMBERS OF OUR DISABLED GROUP. LAST SUMMER I INTRODUCED A MONTHLY BAR-B-Q PICNIC AT WHITTEN POOL FOR THE GROUP AND NOW, DURING WINTER, I'VE MANAGED TO BORROW THE GRIFFITH POLICE BOYS BUS WHICH I DRIVE AND TOGETHER WITH ABOUT 8 OR 9 CARS WE HAVE GREAT PICNICS ONCE A MONTH. COCO PARA NATIONAL PARK WAS ONE NOTABLE OUTING FOLLOWING WHICH I WROTE A REPORT/ARTICLE FOR THE LOCAL PAPER. THIS RESULTED IN AN INVITATION FROM COLEAMBALLY LIONS TO VISIT THAT TOWN WHERE THEIR CLUB ENTERTAINED OUR WHOLE GROUP TO A TERRIFIC BAR-B-Q AND PICNIC.

AM ENCLOSED A COUPLE OF SNIPPETS FROM THE LOCAL RAG AND A PHOTO OF GESS WHO. THE BIT HEADED "SQUIRE HELPING RESEARCH," IS ONE OF MY FEEBLE ATTEMPTS AT JOURNALISM. ABOUT 70 PEOPLE FILLED DAWN'S MUSIC ROOM AND FLOWED INTO THE DINING AREA

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ZEONIE AND DON WERE A BIT OF A DISAPPOINTMENT  
BUT CYDNEE PLAYED "BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH," AND "HONEY SUCKLE  
ROSE," ON THE ORGAN — SHE'S 11 YRS. JOHN AT  
16 PLAYED A SCHUBERT CLASSIC AND THEN SANG. BOTH  
OF THEM ARE TWO OF DAWN'S SO PUPILS. DAWN'S  
SOLOS WERE, "CAN'T HELP LOVIN DAT MAN," AND "DON'T  
CRY FOR ME ARGENTINA." OUR DUETS WERE, "POOR  
WILL SAY WE'RE IN LOVE," "MAKE BELIEVE," AND "ALL STILL  
SUITS ME." I DID, "LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDOROUS THING,"  
"IF I LOVE YOU," AND "DE MAN RIVERA." ONE OTHER  
DUET WE OPENED THE EVENING WITH WAS, "IT'S A GRAND NIGHT  
FOR SINGING." AFTER 16 YEARS OF NOT SINGING, MY  
TEACHER IS RIGHT ON MY BACK MAKING ME DO SCALES  
AND OTHER EXERCISES DAILY ALMOST. NOW AFTER 11 MONTHS  
I'M NEARLY READY FOR A VOCAL DUEL WITH PAVAROTTI  
(I DON'T THINK). DID YOU WATCH THE SUTHERLAND/PAVAROTTI  
SIMULCAST. WE PIRATED THE MUSIC ON TAPE — MAGNIFICENT.  
DAWN'S CLASSICAL/OPERATIC TASTE HAS INFLUENCED MY  
MUSIC PALATE AND STRANGELY MY JAZZ RECORD COLLECTION  
HAS FOUND ITS WAY ONTO DAWN'S HI FI TURNTABLE  
EVERY WEEKEND — GREAT!!!

INCIDENTALLY THE LOCAL C.W.A.'S RAISED ENOUGH  
MONEY TO PURCHASE 3 OF THE SUBCUTANEOUS WHARFHAMACALLIS.

DROP ME A LINE

WHEN YOU CAN

Alfred

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23 MAR 86

DEAR GEORGE,

RECEIVED THE RETURNED  
GOODS SOME TIME BACK. I THINK THE  
PRICES CHARGED UP THERE WERE TOO HIGH.  
AFTER ALL THE RINGS ETC. WERE ONLY  
PLATED COPPER WIRE AND THE TIME IN  
MANUFACTURE WAS ONLY HOBBY/SPARE TIME.  
I DON'T MANUFACTURE THE STUFF ANY MORE  
AS THE PRICE OF MATERIAL, THOUGH PER  
ITEM IS CHEAP, THE QUANTITY COSTS TO  
OBTAIN THE AVAILABLE BATCH LOTS WAS  
SUCH THAT I HAD TO BUY ABOUT A  
HUNDREDWEIGHT OF WIRE AT A TIME.

OUR MOTHER IS QUITE  
FRAIL AND ILL IN LUTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL.  
SHE WAS ADMITTED LAST THURSDAY NIGHT.  
WEIGHING NOW ABOUT  $5\frac{1}{2}$  STONE, HER  
BRAIN IS OUTLIVING THE BODY. QUITE  
BRIGHT WITH ALL HER MARBLES VERY  
MUCH INTACT, I THOUGHT YOU JUST  
MIGHT LIKE TO TAKE THE EFFORT OF  
VISITING HER. IF YOU DESIRE TO DO  
THIS, YOU AND YOUR WIFE WOULD BE  
WELCOME TO STAY WITH US, FLYING TO  
GRIFFITH OR MOTORING. ACCOMMODATION IN  
THE GRANNY/HONEYMOON FLAT, WOULD AFFORD  
PRIVATELY BUT NO COOKING FACILITIES. HOWEVER  
YOU'D BE EXPECTED TO EAT WITH US. I  
DO ALL THE COOKING (MY HOBBY) AS DAWN IS  
VERY MUCH INVOLVED WITH HER MUSIC  
TEACHING (80 PUPILS WEEKLY) PLUS OUR  
GRIFFITH YOUTH CHOIR OF 40 PLUS.

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OUR GARDEN AND MY ENGRAVING NOW OCCUPY MY TIME CONSTANTLY TOGETHER WITH OTHER HOUSEHOLD CHORES WHILE DAWN TEACHES. WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER NOW FOR  $3\frac{1}{2}$  YEARS OF THE HAPPIEST TIME OF MY LIFE.

CHRIS STUDIED PART TIME FOR HIS EDUCATION DEGREE. HIS WIFE ALREADY HAD HORS — THEIR BUSY LIFE WITH AMY, NOW 4 AND BEN 2 IN APRIL PLUS ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO THEIR LAKE-SIDE HOME IN NEWCASTLE KEEPS THEM MOSTLY WELL OCCUPIED.

DAWN'S OLDEST DAUGHTER NAROLLE WITH HER COMPUTER SCIENCE DEGREE HAD A SUCCESSFUL 16 MONTH CONTRACT IN THE U.S.A. AND MARRIED HER AUSTRALIAN FIANCE WHILE THERE. MIDDLE DAUGHTER SHARON NURSING AT GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL AND YOUNGEST, CASSIE, AGE NINE, ON WORLD TOUR, NOW IN JAPAN ON THE WAY HOME NEXT MONTH WITH FIANCE.

THE THINGS I'M INVOLVED IN, LOGIC, PROBOS, R.S.L. SINGING WITH DAWN, PLUS ALL THE ABOVE — I WONDER I HAD TIME TO GO TO WORK. I NOW COME AND GO AS I LIKE; PENSION FORTNIGHTLY; HARDLY A CARE IN THE WORLD EVEN THOUGH I'LL PROBABLY GO OUT IN A PAUPERS GRAVE.

DO SERIOUSLY THINK ABOUT A VISIT TO OUR MUM.

REGARDS

Alfred

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DEAR GEORGE,

YOUR CHEQUE ARRIVED AND I  
THANKYOU FOR YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION TO THE  
MATTER. I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT SOME PEOPLE  
TAKE UP TO 5 OR 6 YEARS TO PAY FUNERAL  
ACCOUNTS, SO WATKINS SHOULD BE QUITE  
"ECSTATIC"!.... I'VE ASKED THEM TO  
FORWARD A SEPARATE RECEIPT TO YOU.

THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE I  
MENTIONED I WOULD UNDERTAKE, INCLUDES POSTAGE  
FOR 53 NOTES OF APPRECIATION, A \$20 GIFT  
VOUCHER TO BR. RON PLATT AT THE FOUR KINGS  
RELIGIOUS BOOK SHOP TO PROVIDE FOR HIS STUDIES,  
\$20 CASH DONATION TO OUR GRIFFITH CATHEDRAL  
FOR RUNNING COSTS FOR THE CAR THAT RON  
DROVE, AND A \$20 DONATION TO THE ST. JOHN'S  
CHURCH, WHITTON. DAWN AND I ATTENDED  
THE EUCARIST LAST SUNDAY AT WHITTON  
AND LATER CLEANED UP MUM'S GRAVE AND  
SURROUNDS. WE INTEND TO DEVOTE ONE  
SUNDAY A MONTH TO A SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S  
WITH A VISIT ~~TO~~ WHITTON COMING AFTER.  
TOMORROW, THURSDAY, I WILL BE BRINGING  
A PLAIN WHITE CROSS WHICH I HAVE MADE  
FROM CYPRUS PINE 5" x 4" TIMBER WITH 1 COAT  
AND 4 COATS OF WEATHERSHIELD, COMBINED IN  
SITU. A PLAQUE 12" x 3 1/2" ENGRAVED WITH  
COCKY'S NAME, D.O.B. & D.O.D. WITH  
A LITTLE PHRASE BENEATH "BEAUTIFUL THINGS  
BLOSSOM IN A PLACE OF ETERNAL LIGHT." THIS  
OF COURSE REFERS TO MUM & HER FLOWERS.

INCIDENTALLY, BOTH THE DEAN  
AND THE CHURCHWARDEN, HARRY

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LOCKLEY WISHED TO GIVE THEIR APOLOGIES TO YOU FOR THEIR INABILITY TO MEET YOU. THE DEAN WAS IN BROKEN HILL AND HARLEY WAS PRE-COMMITTED TO ANOTHER FUNERAL ELSEWHERE.

I HAVE CHOSEN ONE OF MUM'S RINGS FOR JENNIFER (THERE WERE ONLY 3). BUT IN ADDITION I WILL INCLUDE A BROOCH OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE. IT IS VERY OLD AND UNSAFE TO WEAR, BUT IT'S OF SILVER WITH TWO LARGE SIAMANESE ZIRCONS THAT OUR DAD BROUGHT BACK FROM SINGAPORE MANY YEARS AGO. I FEEL THAT THE SETTING COULD BE REMODELLED INTO A RING OF GREAT BEAUTY. THE STONES LOOK FOR ALL THE WORLD LIKE BEAUTIFUL PALE BLUE SAPHIRES. THE BOOKS FOR MATTHEW ARE STILL TO BE SELECTED, AS I WANT THE ONES ON CACTI AND SUCCULENTS. HOWEVER THE LILUM ONES SHOULD INTEREST HIM TOGETHER WITH SEVERAL OTHER SUBJECTS INCLUDING A REAL OLD-FASHIONED VEGG VOCABULARY. I ALSO HAVE THE SPOON YOU WANT. BUT THE OTHER TWO ITEMS ARE UNKNOWN TO ME.

Dawn & I WILL BE IN ASHFIELD AT NAROLLE & POTONS HOME, FROM FRI NIGHT 2 MAY, SAT, SUN, MON, — 6/7 AT CHRIS — 8/9 AT NAROLLE'S AGAIN AND COMING HOME ON 10 MAY. ON THE MON. ARVO WE'LL BE IN THE CITY THEN TO "CATS" AT NIGHT; THE NIGHT PREVIOUS (SUN) WE'LL BE ATTENDING THE RUSSIAN CONCERT. MANAGED TO GET SEATS BEHIND THE ORCHESTRA. I THINK IT MUST BE PART OF THE CHOIR GALLERY.



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I SHALL BE BRINGING, THE BOOKS ETC.  
TO SYDNEY TO SAVE ON POSTAGE AND ALSO AS  
A SAFE-HAND-CARRIER FOR THE VALUABLES. SO  
GIVE ME A CALL AT NAROLLO'S ON 7980856  
AND WE CAN MAKE SOME ARRANGEMENTS RE DELIVERY  
OF THE GOODS. AND PAUL HAS ASKED FOR  
THE PHOTO SHE LOANED SKIRLEY, TO BE RETURNED.

Sincerely

Alfred.

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1 May 88

Dear Shirley & George,

Thank you both sincerely  
for a great weekend, specially all the  
driving around, carrying me to and fro.

The trip home was uneventful  
and Dawn was at the Griffith Terminal  
waiting for me.

Great excitement next day  
as we received our special invitation to the  
opening of the new Parliament House by Her  
Majesty on 9 May 88.

If you are in need of a  
break in the wet weather pattern just invite me  
for another sunny weekend, but no weddings

Please send me Matthew's  
address and phone no. I'll be making him a  
special luggage tag to go on his touring  
swag which I imagine will be following the  
Bicentennial Bike Ride.

You also might tell Matthew that  
I emptied the old enamel bath full of worm  
castings onto my large 16' x 8' veggie bed and after  
digging it in and raking, planted 30 broad beans!  
Question:- Will they grow tall enough for "Jack" to  
climb?

Enclosed back to Griffith were  
programmes which you might like to enjoy during  
a suggested visit with us.

P.S. Any news on the  
Polyethylene Glycol (PEG.1000)?

Sincerely  
Aunt.

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11 JUN 88

DEAR SHIRLEY & GEORGE,

YOUR LETTER OF 5 JUNE  
ARRIVED YESTERDAY ARO SO AM HURRYING TO REPLY. BUT  
THINK THIS REPLY WILL BE TOO LATE TO USE THE  
LUGGAGE LABELS. THE LARGE ONE IS A SAMPLE OF  
THAT WHICH I MENTIONED FOR 'BRED'. THIS IDOT WA  
FOR HIM TO USE THE IDENTIFICATION TAG ON THE  
LUGGAGE WHICH I IMAGINE WOULD BE CARRIED BY MOTOR  
VEHICLE ANTHD OF THE 'CYCLE CONVOY'. YOUR TWO,  
GEORGE, ARE FOR YOUR LARGE CASE AND BRIEF CASE THE  
SMALL ONE FOR YOUR NEXT 'WORLD-WIND TOUR.

WHILE ON THE SUBJECT OF CONGRAT.

I'M ENCLOSING SOME SAMPLES AND SIZE DRAWINGS OF  
SUGGESTED IDEAS FOR YOUR MODAL MOUNTS. FINANCIAL  
ADJUSTMENTS FOR BEAUTIFUL PHOTOS SOUND OK. TO ME.

EXPO — <sup>SATURDAY</sup> SUNDAY 10 JULY IS THE DAY

WE DEPART BRISBANE FOR O'NITE AT BYRON BAY, ~~COND.~~  
10 JULY TO O'NITE TANNMOUTH. HERE IS WHERE WE LEAVE  
THE GRIFFITH COACH AND TRAVEL IT TO SYDNEY ON MONDAY 1.  
DURING THE WEEK WE WILL STAY WITH DAWN'S WIDOW'S  
<sup>JOYCE SHADE</sup> COUSIN AT BRIGHTON ON 593478; DEPART BY RAIL ON  
MONDAY 18 JULY FOR G'ITH.

YOU PICKED A GOOD TIME TO TRAVEL  
THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE WEATHERWISE BUT I DON'T ENVY  
SUCH A FAST MOVING TOUR.

BON VOYAGE OR HAPPY RETURN

WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE

Shirley & Dawn

- (A) THE JEWELLERS BRASS PLATES CAN BE DRILLED FOR AFFIXING WITH BRASS WILSON PINS OR DOUBLE SIDED TAPE CAN BE UTILISED.
- (B) THE 3 GOLD ANODISED PLATES HAVE A PROTECTIVE FILM ON ONE SIDE AND A WAXED COVER OVER A SELF ADHESIVE SURFACE ON THE REVERSE.
- (C) THE BITS OF SCRAP PLASTIC WITH SAMPLES, WHICH INCLUDE A COUPLE OF SCRAP MISTAKES ARE CUT FROM A 4' X 2' SHEET AND OF COURSE CAN BE CUT TO ANY SIZE YOU'D REQUIRE. THE BEVELLED EDGES I ALSO DO ON A SPECIAL M/C.

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DEAR GEORGE,

ENCLOSED SIGNS FOR 139 G/wich Rd.  
NOTE THE 'O' IN 'ROAD' ON BOTH GREEN SIGNS HAVE  
A BIT OF A HICUP. I WAS DOING SIGN NO 2 FIRST  
AND THE DOG FRIGHTENED ME SUDDENLY, HENCE  
THE HICUP. THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A GRAMIN  
ABOUT, BECAUSE AT THE SAME PLACE ON SIGN NO. 1,  
'BENT, BARKED AGAIN (NEW NEIGHBOURS NEXT DOOR).  
ALSO NEXT DOOR TO THEM, ARE NEW NEIGHBOURS  
WITH A DOG - ONLY ABOUT 3 DAYS SINCE THEY  
MOVED IN. QUITE LIKE BOB CAN AROUND HERE  
SOMETIMES.

THE GREEN MIGHT LOOK OK ON THE  
CEDAR 4/BOXES AND THE BROWN SHOULD BE O.K.  
ON YOUR LT. GREEN WALLS. BOTH COLOUR PLATES  
ARE ON WHAT IS CALLED 2-PLEX, A WEATHER  
PROOF PLASTIC. I USED THE BROWN ON OUR 4/BOX  
ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO, AND IT'S STILL AS GOOD AS  
IT WAS THEN.

THE SMALL SCREW HOLES MIGHT NEED  
ENLARGING, SO PUT A BIT OF MASKING TAPE  
OVER THE HOLES BEFORE YOU DRILL THEM OUT  
IN CASE THE DRILL BIT RUNS.

I'D BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT  
SORT OF CHARGES YOU MIGHT ENCOUNTER FOR  
THIS JOB IN SYDNEY, AS I THINK I NEED

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TO RE-STRUCTURE my PRICES. A LOT OF "ONE OFF" THINGS COME my way - DUE TO my CHARGES, I THINK. OTHER BLOKES GET ALL THE REPORT STUFF AND SINCE THE NUISANCE WORK TO ME. SO I NEED TO PUSH my PRICES UP A BIT TO MAKE IT WORTH my TIME.

THE PHOTOS OF THE BOYS ARE GREAT. WILLIAM, THE IMAGE OF HIS DAD - BUT POOR ROBERT (LOOKING LIKE ME, YOU SAY) HOPEFULLY HE'LL HAVE A BRAIN BETWEEN HIS EARS AND NOT MUSCLE LIKE ME.

I HOPE JENNY HAS AN EASIER TIME WITH THE NEW BOB. I'VE ALWAYS SAID THAT THE HUMAN FEMALE IS THE TOUGHEST OF THE SPECIES - GOD BLESS'EM!!!

SEEMS WE BOTH HAVE FULL TIME OCCUPATIONS, THOUGH SOMEWHAT DIFFERING IN ACTIVITIES. WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH ENGRAVING, MUSIC LESSONS, ENTERTAINING Q'LD, VIC, N.S.W. VISITING TRAVELLERS. MORE (FROM GLOUCESTER THIS WEEK) REHEARSING FOR A CONCERT TOMORROW. I'M DOING TWO DUTY WITH A LOVELY LITTLE 11YR. OLD GIRL, TWO DUTY WITH DAWN AND TWO SONGS. WITH THE ENGRAVING BIT, I'VE MADE 92 SHIELDS FOR SALE TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR "THE BOOK" PUBLICATION. I'VE MADE 150 PLACEMATS AND 150 SPECIAL PLACE CARDS FOR OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN OCTOBER, PLUS 84 INDIVIDUAL SOUVENIERS WITH

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MEMBERS REGIMENTAL NO'S. AND NAMES SOITABLY  
ENGRAVED THEREON. THIS IS ALL AT MY EXPENSE  
AS A GIFT TO THE 'PURPLE DEVILS'.

I NOTE YOUR MENTION OF LAWN BOWLS —  
I CALL IT GERIATRIC MARBLES, A GAME THAT  
DOESN'T GRAB ME. I WOULDN'T WORK IN THE  
WEATHER THAT SOME OF THOSE GERIATRICALS PLAY  
IN — HEAT, COLD, RAIN, WIND.

TALKING ABOUT BOWLS/ENGRAVING/TRAVELLERS. TODAY  
AT OUR LOCAL JONDARYAN BOWLING CLUB WAS  
PRESIDENTS DAY. ONE OF THE MEMBERS HAS A  
BROTHER WHO VISITS FROM COBAR FOR THESE SITINDIGS.  
'PIDENAS ME THIS MORNING AND ORDERED 8 NAME  
BRIDGES TO TAKE BACK TO COBAR TONIGHT. NEED  
TO MAKE A QUID ON SUNDAYS.

Cherry  
Dad & I am.